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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV, BQG  
SUBJECT: FRG TO PURSUE INTERIM SOLUTION TO NATIONAL  
FOUNDATION

REFS: (A) BONN 3093  
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1. AT THE FEBRUARY 21 BONN GROUP MEETING, THE FRG REP  
(VON BRAUNMUEHL) CONFIRMED THAT THE FRG INTENDS TO  
PROCEED WITH THE "INTERIM SOLUTION" TO THE PROBLEM OF  
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL FOUNDATION. HE SAID  
HE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED A REPORT ON THE CHANCELLOR'S  
FEBRUARY 16 MEETING WITH FDP CHAIRMAN GENSCHER AND  
INTERIOR MINISTER MAIHOFFER (REF C, PARA 1) BUT HE  
UNDERSTOOD THAT THE FOREIGN OFFICE WOULD BE ASKED TO  
INTRODUCE INTO THE BONN GROUP THE MINISTRY OF THE  
INTERIOR'S LATEST DRAFT OF THE PROPOSED INTERIM SOLUTION  
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AND THE MOI'S COMMENTS ON IT. THE ALLIES WOULD THEN BE  
ASKED TO PRESENT THEIR OFFICIAL VIEWS ON THE PROPOSAL.  
HE ALSO SAID THAT THE CHANCELLOR PERSONALLY HAD NOT  
FAVORED THE INTERIM SOLUTION BECAUSE OF THE ALLIED VIEWS  
EXPRESSED IN THE BONN GROUP, BUT HE WENT ALONG WITH THE  
POSITION OF GENSCHER AND MAIHOFFER THAT THE PLAN SHOULD  
BE DEVELOPED AND SUBMITTED TO THE BONN GROUP.

2. VON BRAUNMUEHL ASKED WHAT FORM FRG-ALLIED CONSULTATIONS IN THE BONN GROUP SHOULD TAKE. THE PLAN COULD BE SUBMITTED TO ALLIED REPS FOR SUBMISSION TO CAPITALS AND A YES-OR-NO REPLY. ALTERNATIVELY, CONSULTATIONS COULD BE CONDUCTED ON AN INFORMAL BASIS. ALLIED VIEWS, RATHER THAN FINAL POSITIONS, COULD BE OBTAINED

THIS WAY.

3. THE UK REP (EYERS) SAID "AN INFORMED BUT INFORMAL DISCUSSION" WOULD BE PREFERABLE. IT WAS EASIER TO MOVE FROM AN INFORMAL TO A FORMAL DISCUSSION THAN VICE VERSA. THERE WAS NO OBJECTION TO THIS SUGGESTION. EYERS ADDED THAT HE WANTED THE FRG TO BE ABLE TO SAY THAT THE DECISION, WHEN FINALLY MADE, WAS ITS OWN .

4. THE US REP NOTED THAT THE ALLIES HAD SOME HESITATION ABOUT BECOMING INVOLVED IN WHAT IS IN LARGE PART AN INTERNAL FRG AFFAIR AND THAT IT WOULD BE GOOD FOR THE FRG TO HAVE A CLEAR IDEA OF WHAT IT WANTS, WITH AS MANY OF THE DIFFICULT ASPECTS REMOVED AS POSSIBLE, BEFORE THE ALLIES ARE ASKED FOR VIEWS. HE SAID THAT HE HOPED THAT THE DECISION, WHATEVER THE FINAL OUTCOME, CONFIDENTIAL

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WOULD BE IN REALITY AND IN APPEARANCE THE RESULT OF

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AN FRG-ALLIED CONSENSUS. IT WOULD NOT BE HELPFUL TO HAVE THE DECISION PORTRAYED AS ONE IMPOSED BY THE ALLIES ON THE FRG. EYERS AND THE FRENCH REP (RICHARD) SUPPORTED THESE VIEWS. VON BRAUNMUEHL SAID HE WOULD REINTRODUCE THE SUBJECT IN THE BONN GROUP IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

5. WITH RESPECT TO PRESS TREATMENT OF THE SUBJECT, THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL RECENT REPORTS ON BONN GROUP CONSIDERATION OF THE NATIONALSTIFTUNG PROBLEM, BUT ALL HAVE FOLLOWED VERY CLOSELY THE ORIGINAL "GENERAL ANZEIGER" ARTICLE (REFS A AND B). THE LITTLE EDITORIAL COMMENT WHICH HAS APPEARED SO FAR HAS NOT BEEN CRITICAL OF THE ALLIES.

6. A FEBRUARY 18 ARTICLE IN "DIE WELT" REPORTS THAT GENSCHER HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH REMOVING ALLIED CONFIDENTIAL

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CONCERNS ABOUT THE PROPOSED COMPROMISE SOLUTION AND ATTRIBUTES TO THE FRENCH THE LEADING ROLE IN OPPOSING IT. THE SAME ARTICLE CONCLUDES BY STATING THAT "GOVERNMENT CIRCLES IN BONN BELIEVE IT IS CERTAIN THAT THE ORIGINAL PROJECT OF A GERMAN NATIONAL FOUNDATION WILL NOT BE PURSUED. THUS, THE TRANSFER OF NEW TASKS TO THE PRUSSIAN ART TREASURES FOUNDATION WOULD NOT BE AN INTERIM SOLUTION, BUT THE FINAL FORM."  
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